

leader of the House and the majority leader of the Senate, acting jointly, or the minority leader of the House and the minority leader of the Senate, acting jointly, file a written request with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate that the Congress reassemble for the consideration of legislation.

SEC. 3. During the adjournment of both Houses of Congress as provided in section 1, the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate, respectively, be, and they hereby are, authorized to receive messages, including veto messages, from the President of the United States.

Passed October 9, 1975.

#### LOAN OF MAGNA CARTA

October 23, 1975  
[H. Con. Res. 458]

Whereas, the historic document known as the Magna Carta of 1215 A.D. represents an essential link in the long chain of constitutional instruments; and

Whereas, American Colonists brought with them from England the traditions of free government and the principle that all persons stand as equals before the law, concepts which had been embodied in the Magna Carta, and they regarded them as their birthright and incorporated them in their colonial charters and constitutions; and

Whereas, in drafting the Constitution and the Bill of Rights of the United States, our Founding Fathers sought to guarantee to the people of these United States the freedom of the church, an independent judiciary, the right to a speedy trial, and the concept of due process of law, which principles were clearly derived from the Magna Carta; and

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title 1.

Whereas, in recognition of the Bicentennial celebrations of the United States of America, the House of Lords and the House of Commons of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have unanimously adopted motions respectfully praying that Her Majesty, The Queen, direct that an original copy of the Magna Carta be loaned to the people of the United States, to be held by their representative, the Congress of the United States, for a period of one year; and

Whereas, this loan has been authorized by Her Majesty, The Queen, in order that this historic document may be displayed in the Capitol, enclosed in a showcase donated by the United Kingdom for that purpose; Therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),* That the Congress of the United States recognizes that it is natural that men should value the original documents which guarantee their rights, and thus hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to Her Majesty, The Queen, the Parliament and the people of the United Kingdom for their loan to this Nation of the Magna Carta, a document of historic and symbolic significance to the peoples of both our Nations, and believes that its temporary residence here in the country of its philosophical descendants, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, will contribute an important historical perspective to the Bicentennial celebration; and be it further

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title 1.

*Resolved*, That the showcase donated to the United States by the United Kingdom to be used to display the Magna Carta may be placed in the rotunda of the United States Capitol, and the Architect of the Capitol is hereby authorized to make the necessary arrangements therefor, including the payment of all necessary expenses incurred in connection with the installation, maintenance, and protection thereof; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of State is requested to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Passed October 23, 1975.

October 23, 1975  
[H. Con. Res. 459]

#### ADJOURNMENT—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring)*, That when the House adjourns on Thursday, October 23, 1975, it stand adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian Tuesday, October 28, 1975, and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, October 23, 1975, it stand adjourned until 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 28, 1975.

Passed October 23, 1975.

October 31, 1975  
[S. Con. Res. 71]

#### CORRECTIONS OF ENROLLED BILL S. 1542

*Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring)*, That the Secretary of the Senate in the enrollment of the bill (S. 1542), to authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Commerce, and for other purposes, is authorized and directed to make the following correction: Section 4 to read as follows:

SEC. 4. Section 809(a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, as amended (46 U.S.C. 1213(a)) is amended by inserting immediately after the first sentence thereof the following: "In order to assure equitable treatment for each range of ports referred to in the preceding sentence, not less than 10 percent of the funds appropriated for construction-differential subsidy and operating-differential subsidy pursuant to this Act or any law authorizing funds for the purposes of this Act shall be allocated to each such port range: *Provided, however*, That such allocation shall apply to the extent that subsidy contracts are approved by the Secretary of Commerce. Not later than March 1, 1976, and annually thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a detailed report (1) describing the actions that have been taken pursuant to this Act to assure insofar as possible that direct and adequate service is provided by United States-flag commercial vessels to each range of ports referred to in this section; and (2) including any recommendations for additional legislation that may be necessary to achieve the purpose of this section."

Agreed to October 31, 1975.

*Ante*, p. 680.